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Facility Mitigation Plan

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This mitigation plan is being submitted by the Guam-Micronesia Mission of Seventh-day Adventists on behalf of our eight congregations and their indoor facilities:

1. *Agana Heights SDA Church*
2. *Agat-Santa Rita SDA Church* in Agat
3. *Dededo Happy Family SDA Company* – outdoor facility
4. *Dededo Korean SDA Church*
5. *Man’Aguaiya Fellowship SDA Company* in Barrigada
6. *Northern Guam SDA Church* in Dededo
7. *Talofofo SDA Church*
8. *Ypao/Ordot SDA Church* in Ordot

BEFORE REOPENING SERVICES:

I. General Restrictions and Requirements

- A. Limit occupancy based on most recent government requirements:
 1. in Guam, according to most recent DPHSS Guidance Memo 2020-041, no more than 25% of the facility’s occupancy load
- B. Display signs reminding attendees of Policies:
 1. to wear face mask
 2. to maintain physical distancing
 3. to practice hand hygiene
 4. to practice respiratory hygiene
 5. to not attend if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- C. Modify physical spacing:
 1. identifying 6 feet distances in areas like seating and floors, so attendees living in different households can remain physically distant
 2. whenever possible and reasonable, establish “one-way routes” inside and outside facility

II. Communicate Alternatives to In-person Attendance

- A. Provide remote alternatives for services (i.e. online conferences or sermons)
- B. Encourage high-risk members (elderly and those with medical conditions) to stay home

DURING SERVICES:

4. Mandate the Wearing of Face Masks of those in Attendance

- A. EXCEPT that cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who cannot to remove the mask without assistance
- B. Congregational singing is prohibited
 - 1. Soloist must wear face mask when not singing; may have one instrumentalist
 - 2. Soloist encouraged to not face congregation

5. Promote Hygiene

- A. Make soap and water and/or hand sanitizer available to attendees

6. Maintain Physical Distancing

- A. Whenever possible, avoid sharing items during service, for example:
 - 1. replace church bulletins/hymnals/Bibles with AV slides or individual printouts
 - 2. replace passing offering plate with one collection bucket and promote online giving
 - 3. in accordance with security and safety considerations, modify high-touch surfaces such as propping open doors to reduce handling during peak periods
- B. Prohibit physical contact with persons outside your household unless medically necessary

BETWEEN SERVICES:

7. Maintain Sanitary Conditions using PPE

- A. Clean and disinfect facility, including high-contact surfaces
- B. Clean and disinfect bathrooms
- C. Disinfect and wipe down AV instruments and any other equipment used by participants
- D. Launder linens used during services
- E. Use vacuum with HEPA filter wherever possible

8. If an attendee is positive for COVID-19:

- A. Close the facility until it is cleaned and disinfected, while using PPE
- B. Attendee that was diagnosed as positive may return to church after:
 - 1. they have been without fever for at least 3 days (without use of fever-reducing medications) AND
 - 2. at least 7 days have passed since the start of symptoms

- C. Close contact person should self-isolate at home and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after last contact with positive case IF:
 - 1. such person was exposed to positive case for more than 10 minutes while less than 6 feet away from them, or
 - 2. had direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g. coughed on)
- D. Non-close contact person should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after their last contact with the case and self-isolate if symptoms develop IF:
 - 3. such person was in the same environment with positive case, but does not meet criteria for close contact (in item C. above)
- E. Person who have had contact with someone who has been exposed to a positive case are not directed to self-isolate unless that person develops symptoms or is diagnosed with COVID-19
- F. Advise persons with mild illness due to suspected COVID-19 infection not to attend and they are advised to contact their health care provider

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